

port it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendments. Mr. Meador has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 30, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 131, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hawkins has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE ASYLUMS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Asylums, to whom was referred House bill No. 212, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendment. Mr. White has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

NEELEY, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 31, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to relieve the crowded condition of the dockets of the Supreme Court by further regulating the mode in which, and the conditions on which, judgments of the Courts of Civil Appeals may be brought before the Supreme Court for revision, granting additional powers to the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and of the Courts of Civil Appeals, as incidental to the offices held by them; providing for compensation of certain justices of the Courts of Civil Appeals while acting as

herein provided, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 31, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, 1915, relating to the pay of jail guards, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

NINETEENTH DAY.

(Thursday, February 1, 1917.)

The House met at 3:55 o'clock p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Denton.
Baker.	Dodd.
Beard of Milam.	Dudley.
Beasley.	Dunnam.
Beason.	Estes.
Bedell.	Fairchild.
Bell.	Fisher.
Bertram.	Fitzpatrick.
Blackburn.	Florer.
Blackmon.	Fly.
Blalock.	Greenwood.
Bland.	Haidusek.
Bledsoe.	Hardey.
Boner.	Harris.
Brown.	Hawkins.
Bryan.	Hill.
Bryant.	Holland.
Burton of Rusk.	Hudspeth.
Burton of Tarrant.	Johnson.
Butler.	Jones.
Cadenhead.	Laas.
Canales.	Lacey.
Carlock.	Laney.
Cates.	Lange.
Clark.	Lanier.
Cope.	Lee.
Cox.	Lowe.
Crudgington.	of McMullen.
Davis of Dallas.	Low.
Davis of Grimes.	of Washington.
Davis.	McComb.
of Van Zandt.	McCoy.

McDowra.	Smith of Bastrop.
McFarland.	Smith of Hopkins.
McMillin.	Smith of Scurry.
Martin.	Spencer of Nolan.
Meador.	Spencer of Wise.
Mendell.	Spradley.
Metcalf.	Stewart.
Miller of Austin.	Swope.
Miller of Dallas.	Taylor.
Moore.	Templeton.
Morris.	Thomas.
Murrell.	Thomason
Neeley.	of El Paso.
Neill.	Thomason
Nichols.	of Nacogdoches.
Nordhaus.	Thompson
O'Banion.	of Hunt.
O'Brien.	Thompson
Osborne.	of Red River.
Parks.	Tillotson.
Peddy.	Tilson.
Peyton.	Tinner.
Pillow.	Trayler.
Poage.	Tschoepe.
Pope.	Upchurch.
Raiden.	Valentine.
Reeves.	Veatch.
Richards.	Wahrmund.
Robertson.	Walker.
Roemer.	White.
Rogers.	Williams
Russell.	of Brazoria.
Sackett.	Williams
Sallas.	of McLennan.
Sentell.	Williford.
Schlesinger.	Wilson.
Schlosshan.	Woods.
Scholl.	Woodul.
Seawright.	Yantis.
Sholars.	

Absent.

Beard of Harris. De Bogory.

Absent—Excused.

Hartman.	Strayhorn.
Lindemann.	Terrell.
Monday.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following member was granted leave of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Hartman, for today, on motion of Mr. Lowe of McMullen.

The following member was granted leave of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Lindemann, for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Laas.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Hartman and Mr. Scholl:

H. B. No. 537, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 511 of the Revised Criminal Statutes, 1911, relating to the interference with dead bodies, and defining the conditions under which dead bodies may be disinterred, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Monday, Mr. White, Mr. Poage, Mr. Williford and Mr. Williams of McLennan:

H. B. No. 538, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Tenth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, and to provide for the organization of a Court of Civil Appeals within the Tenth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, and to reorganize the Second, Third and Fifth Supreme Judicial Districts, so as to conform to the provisions of this act, to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Supreme Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Templeton:

H. B. No. 539, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Lipscomb Independent School District in Lipscomb county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Dudley (by request):

H. B. No. 540, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for a person engaged in practicing or attempting any trick or device to procure money or other things of value, if such trick or device is made a public offense under the laws of this State, or any person engaged in soliciting, procuring, attempting to solicit or procure money or other things of value by falsely pretending and representing himself to be blind, deaf, dumb, without arms or legs, or to be otherwise physically deficient or to be otherwise suffering from any physical defect or infirmity, and providing a punishment therefor."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 541, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7583 of Chapter 12, Title 126, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the compensation of tax assessors of Texas, so as to increase their compensation for assessment of poll taxes."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Blackmon and Mr. De Bogory:

H. B. No. 542, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 30, of the Special Laws of the Thirty-first Legislature, as amended by Special Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, being 'An Act to create a road commission for Jones, Haskell and Taylor counties.'"

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Smith of Hopkins:

H. B. No. 543, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a special road law for Delta county, Texas, etc."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Nordhaus, Mr. Schlesinger, Mr. Lange and Mr. Wahrmond:

H. B. No. 544, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 984 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to authorize cities and towns to require the filling up, draining and regulating of any lot or lots, grounds or yards, or other places in the city or town which shall be unwholesome, or have stagnant water therein or from any other cause be in such condition as to be liable to produce disease; to cause or make inspection of all premises and to impose fine on the owners of houses under which stagnant water may be found or upon whose premises stagnant water may be found, and to pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and making, filling up, altering or repairing of all sinks and privies, and directing the mode and material for constructing them in the future, and for cleansing and disinfecting the same; and for cleansing of houses, buildings, yards or grounds of filth, carrion or impure or unwholesome matter of any kind, and to punish the owner or occupant violating the provisions of any ordinance so passed as aforesaid; and providing for the removal of weeds, rubbish, brush, etc., from lots, and empowering the city

or town council, city commissioners, or other governing body of such city or town to make or cause such improvements to be made at the expense of the city on account of the owners, and to cause the expense of such improvements or work to be assessed on the real estate, or lot or lots for or upon which work is done or improvements are made; and making provisions for notice to owners, and providing that a lien may be fixed upon such lot or lots, etc., for the improvement made, or caused to be made by the city or town, or for the work done, and also providing how the amounts expended in such improvements or work may be fixed, and providing for suit and foreclosure of the lien so given and the rate of interest to be paid on amounts so expended, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 545, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting automobiles and motorcycles from running at a greater speed than eight miles per hour in incorporated towns and villages, declaring the penalty and making same cumulative; declaring who shall be liable to such penalty, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Thomason of El Paso and Mr. Dudley:

H. B. No. 546, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State Normal School in El Paso county, to be known as the Jim Hogg State Normal, and to regulate admission of students to said college; and provide for the maintenance of same, and to declare an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Lange:

H. B. No. 547, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1033, Chapter 14, Title 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted in 1911, so as to authorize the incorporation of towns or villages containing more than 300 and less than 10,000 inhabitants."

Referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 548, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide, in substance, that

if any action or suit be commenced within the proper period of limitation and the same should be dismissed from court without a trial upon the merits, that the plaintiff shall have twelve months after date of such dismissal to commence a new action thereon."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Richards:

H. B. No. 549, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent unnecessary cruelty in catching or killing of wild animals and to prevent live stock and other domestic animals from injury, and to prevent the extermination of wild animals usually hunted for sport, and to forbid the setting of any trap, snare or device for taking, snaring, trapping or catching of same, and to prevent the taking, catching, killing or trapping of such animals, and to provide a punishment for so doing."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Richards:

H. B. No. 550, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Caldwell county; providing for the employment of a county road superintendent, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Hardey, Mr. Laas, Mr. Williams of Brazoria and Mr. Tillotson:

H. B. No. 551, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, so as to take the counties of Wharton, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Brazoria from the counties exempted by Article 7184 of said act, and place said counties under the provisions of said Title 124, Chapter 3."

Referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Mr. Mendell and Mr. Robertson:

H. B. No. 552, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the compensation of the district attorney of the Criminal District Court of Travis and Williamson counties, and to authorize and to empower said district attorney to appoint a deputy assistant district attorney, and to fix the salaries of such district attorney and deputy assistant district attorney, and to make an appropriation for the paying of said district at-

torney and deputy assistant district attorney, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Metcalfe:

H. B. No. 553, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7305 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the inspection of hides and animals, so as to include among the counties exempted from the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, inclusive, the counties of Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Tom Green and Upton."

Referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Mr. Lacey:

H. B. No. 554, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Chappell Independent School District in Madison County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Smith of Scurry:

H. B. No. 555, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the sale of Coca-Cola; providing a penalty, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Smith of Scurry:

H. B. No. 556, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, regulating practice therein, and repealing inconsistent laws."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Hawkins:

H. B. No. 557, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for appeals from trustees of common school districts, trustees of independent school districts, county superintendents of public instruction, county boards of school trustees, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to the State Board of Education; fixing the time in which said appeals may be made; authorizing the State Superintendent to prescribe the necessary procedure in such cases; making the decision of the State Board of Education final; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Moore:

H. B. No. 558, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 145 of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-third Legislature."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Metcalfe:

H. B. No. 559, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Barnhart Independent School District in Irion county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Pillow, Mr. Laney, Mr. Beason, Mr. Swope, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Florer, Mr. Parks, Mr. Valentine, Mr. Burton of Tarrant, Mr. Walker, Mr. Schlesinger, Mr. Wahrmond, Mr. Nordhaus and Mr. Beard of Harris:

H. B. No. 560, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an annual vacation to paid firemen in cities of 25,000 inhabitants or over; providing that the city official having supervision of the fire department shall designate the days each fireman is to be on vacation; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. McDowra:

H. B. No. 561, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2821 of the Revised Civil Statutes providing for the appointment, qualification and removal of the school trustees in common school districts."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Schlesinger:

H. B. No. 562, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a penalty for the issuance, furnishing, redemption or distribution for use, of trading stamps, cards, coupons, tickets, certificates or any other trading stamp device or premium scheme supplies, in connection with the sale of any goods, wares or merchandise; and providing an exception in favor of manufacturers and packers of their own goods, wares and merchandise."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Blackburn:

H. B. No. 563, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Real county; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Bledsoe:

H. B. No. 564, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the

Ralls Independent School District in Crosby county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Laney:

H. B. No. 565, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, Chapter 13, Title 15, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Articles 697a, 697b, 697c, 697d, defining the offense of criminal negligence of the first degree, and criminal negligence of the second degree; fixing the penalty for this offense, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Clark:

H. B. No. 566, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define retail and wholesale dealers in articles of commerce; to prohibit discrimination in making sales of such articles of commerce by wholesale dealers to retailers; to provide penalties by fine and imprisonment for discrimination in making sales or refusing to make sales of such articles of commerce by wholesalers to retailers, and to prevent the giving of rebates, commissions, refunds, or bonuses by wholesalers to retailers, or to any other person, on articles of commerce sold by wholesalers to retailers, and prevent the giving of rebates, commissions, refunds and bonuses to any person, association, partnership, corporation on any article of commerce sold by retailers to wholesalers, and to prevent any person from receiving such rebates, commissions, refunds or bonuses from wholesalers on articles of commerce sold by retailers to wholesalers, and to provide penalties and punishment for the violation of the provisions of this act, and to fix a venue of suits to recover penalties and for prosecution under this act."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Lange:

H. B. No. 567, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the San Antonio Independent School District, and defining its boundaries; authorizing and providing the manner of election of trustees, and prescribing their qualifications and terms of office; which trustees shall be known as the San Antonio Board of Education; validating the election of, and all official acts done by, the present

trustees, and prescribing their terms of office; prescribing the oath or affirmation required of said trustees; providing for the election of officers of said board, and the meetings, records, and conduct of the business thereof; giving said independent school district, through its said board, the power to manage and control, maintain and operate the public free schools within said district, and to prescribe qualifications of, and issue certificates, to teachers; to recognize and validate teachers' certificates and diplomas; to make rules and regulations for the government and conduct of said schools, and for the protection of those attending such schools; to prescribe age limits of pupils; and to enforce their attendance; to employ an attendance officer; and to employ all necessary employes, and to fix their compensation; to purchase grounds upon which to locate school buildings; to construct, equip and maintain such buildings; to provide for special training; and to prescribe the courses of study; to provide all articles necessary for the efficient instruction of the pupils, and operation and maintenance of schools; giving said district, through its said board, the power to make contracts, to be a party to actions in courts, without giving bond, either original or on appeal, exempting said district from the levy of executions, attachments and garnishments, and from liability on assignments of wages, and exempting it from liability for damages for personal injuries, or damages to property, and exempting said district and its property from involuntary liens; authorizing it to receive gifts, grants, conveyances, donations, and devises for the use of the public free schools of said independent school district; giving it the power to levy and collect taxes, to issue and dispose of bonds, and provide for the payment of same, and validating all bonds heretofore issued by the San Antonio School Board and by the San Antonio Independent School District, by virtue of Chapter 29 of the Special Laws of the Thirtieth Legislature, and by virtue of any of the acts incorporating said independent school district, which at any time in the past have been enacted; and validating, confirming and approving all official acts of the board of trustees of said district under any previous acts, as well as of the present trustees; conferring upon said district the power of eminent domain, and the power to sell, exchange and lease the property thereof; to adopt text-books; to take the school census; to remove from office any member of said board; to provide for elec-

tions to determine as to special taxes and the issuance of bonds; giving certain officers of said board authority to administer oaths, and providing for a corporate seal, and giving said independent school district through its trustees the power to manage and control the public free schools within said district; and to do all things authorized by this act; and amending and repealing Chapter 93 of the Local and Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, being an act passed at the Regular Session thereof, incorporating the San Antonio Independent School District, said act having been approved on March 26, 1913, and also repealing any and all special or general laws in conflict with the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Blackmon:

H. B. No. 568, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it an offense for any person who is treasurer of any school district in this State, or for any officer, director, stockholder, agent or employe of any corporation that is the treasurer or depository of any school district in this State to fraudulently take, misapply or convert to his own use any of the money, property or other thing of value belonging to such district or to secrete the same with the intent to take, misapply or convert it to his own use, or to pay or deliver the same to any person knowing that he is not entitled to receive it, prescribing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Swope:

H. B. No. 569, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7749 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, and providing for the proof of common source of title and providing for the use of certified copies of instruments, and amending the same so as to permit the use of abstracts in lieu of such certified copies, and providing for notice of the filing of such abstracts, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Swope (by request):

H. B. No. 570, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent indirect bribes and to require officials to render impartial service in their respective offices."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Bedell:

H. B. No. 571, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3870 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to and making fraudulent and void all mortgages, deeds of trust, or other form of lien attempted to be given by the owner of any stock of goods, wares or merchandise daily exposed to sale, in parcel, in the regular course of the business of such merchandise, and contemplating a continuance of the possession of said goods, and control of said business; so as to extend the provisions of said article to all reservations of title to or property in chattels as security for the purchase money thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House Joint Resolution, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Laas and Mr. Cox:

H. J. R. No. 32, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding to Article 8 thereof a new section to be known as Section 20, providing for the voting of a special tax by subdivisions of counties for construction and maintenance, or for construction or maintenance of public roads.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 68, to Committee on Mines and Mining.

Senate bill No. 83, to Committee on Private Corporations.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Pope, it was ordered that House bill No. 68 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Martin, it was ordered that House bill No. 487 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Tinner, it was ordered that House bill No. 242 be not printed.

BILL RECOMMITTED.

Mr. White moved to recommit House bill No. 465 to the Committee on State Asylums.

The motion to recommit prevailed.

RELATING TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES.

(Unfinished Business.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, for consideration at this time, the resolution by Mr. Sentell and others, relating to certain Democratic principles, the resolution, having been offered and read second time on Tuesday, January 30.

Mr. Nichols moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution indefinitely.

(Mr. Crudginton in the chair.)

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to postpone indefinitely prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—99.

Bagby.	Lacey.
Baker.	Laney.
Beard of Milam.	Lange.
Beason.	Lanier.
Bertram.	Lee.
Blackburn.	Lowe
Blalock.	of McMullen.
Bland.	Low
Bledsoe.	of Washington.
Brown.	McComb.
Bryan.	McFarland.
Burton of Rusk.	Martin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Meador.
Butler.	Mendell.
Cadenhead.	Miller of Austin.
Canales.	Miller of Dallas.
Carlock.	Moore.
Cates.	Morris.
Clark.	Neeley.
Cox.	Neill.
Davis of Grimes.	Nichols.
Davis	Nordhaus.
of Van Zandt.	Osborne.
Dudley.	Parks.
Dunnam.	Peyton.
Fitzpatrick.	Pillow.
Florer.	Poage.
Fly.	Pope.
Greenwood.	Richards.
Haidusek.	Robertson.
Hardey.	Roemer.
Harris.	Sallas.
Hill.	Schlesinger.
Holland.	Schlosshan.
Hudspeth.	Scholl.
Johnson.	Seawright.
Jones.	Sholars.
Laas.	Smith of Bastrop.

Smith of Hopkins.	Trayler.
Spencer of Nolan.	Tschoepe.
Swope.	Upchurch.
Taylor.	Valentine.
Templeton.	Veatch.
Thomason	Wahrmund.
of El Paso.	Walker.
Thomason	White.
of Nacogdoches.	Williams
Thompson	of Brazoria.
of Hunt.	Williams
Thompson	of McLennan.
of Red River.	Williford.
Tillotson.	Wilson.
Tilson.	Woods.
Tinner.	Yantis.

Nays—23.

Beasley.	Peddy.
Blackmon.	Raiden.
Boner.	Reeves.
Cope.	Rogers.
Crudgington.	Russell.
Davis of Dallas.	Sackett.
Dodd.	Sentell.
Estes.	Smith of Scurry.
McDowra.	Spencer of Wise.
Murrell.	Stewart.
O'Banion.	Thomas.
O'Brien.	

Present—Not Voting.

Bedell.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Hawkins.
Bell.	McCoy.
Bryant.	McMillin.
De Bogory.	Metcalfe.
Denton.	Spradley.
Fairchild.	Woodul.
Fisher.	

Absent—Excused.

Hartman.	Strayhorn.
Lindemann.	Tarrell.
Monday.	

TENDERING USE OF HALL.

Mr. Baker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Woman's Equal Suffrage Association next Monday evening, February 5th, at 7:30.

Signed—Baker of Hood, Reeves, Beasley, McMillin, Blackmon, Cope.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

RELATING TO PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

Mr. Beason offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 7, Requesting Texas Congressmen and United States Senators to oppose the passage of bill relating to migratory birds now pending in Congress.

Whereas, The United States and Great Britain have entered into a treaty in relation to migratory birds, known as the "Migratory Bird Treaty"; and

Whereas, There was introduced into the Senate of the United States on January 13th a bill: "To give effect to the convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds, the ratifications whereof were exchanged on the 7th day of December, 1916, and for other purposes." And

Whereas, It appears from the provisions in said bill that were such enacted into law, it would practically annul the right of any State in this Union to in any manner make provision for the protection and use of the wild life within its border; thus striking down the time honored Democratic principle of State rights; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Representatives in Congress and the members of the Senate from Texas be informed that we are unalterably opposed to the enactment of this measure, and that it is our wish that they each and all do all within their power to prevent the passage of this bill.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Blalock moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Question—Shall the motion to refer prevail?

Mr. Cadenhead raised a point of order on further consideration of the resolution at this time on the ground that the time allotted under the rules for the consideration of resolutions has expired.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

SENATE BILL NO. 17 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of and make an appropriation for the construction of a main building, chemical laboratory building, dormitory and powerhouse for the School of Mines of the State of Texas, located in El Paso, Texas, and to make an appropriation

of all funds collected from insurance on the burned buildings of said School of Mines for said purpose, and for furnishing, equipping and maintaining said School of Mines, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Thomason of El Paso, the bill was laid upon the table subject to call.

SENATE BILL NO. 47 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support and maintenance of the Sam Houston Normal School, the San Marcos Normal School, the Denton Normal School and the Canyon City Normal School during the summer of 1917, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Peyton offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 47 by adding: "Provided, that no charge for tuition, laboratory fee or any other fee be charged students."

Mr. Dodd offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend Senate bill No. 47 on page 2, lines 24 and 25, by striking out the words, "Laboratory fee or any other fee."

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted.

The (committee) amendment as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Martin offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out the enacting clause.

Mr. Nordhaus moved to table the amendment.

Question—Shall the motion to table prevail?

Mr. Spradley raised a point of order on further consideration of the bill at this time, on the ground that the time allotted under the Rules for the consideration of local bills has arrived.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

HOUSE BILL NO. 271 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 271, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to create a more efficient road system for Hopkins county; making the county commissioners of said county road commissioners, and prescribing the duties of such, etc.; providing for overseers or road keepers, etc., providing for the employment of county convicts and their compensation; providing for the employing of delinquent poll taxpayers and a penalty for their failure to work on county roads of Hopkins county; providing that this act shall take the place of and repeal all other special road tax laws heretofore passed for the benefit of Hopkins county public roads, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 299 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 299, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Sinton Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 1, in San Patricio county, Texas, and including within its limits the municipal corporation of the town of Sinton; defining its boundaries, and to provide for the creating of a board of trustees thereof and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, and conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers, and providing authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings, within the same, and to levy a tax therefor, and to pay current expenses for the maintenance and support of said schools; providing for a board of equalization and prescribing the duty and authority of said board, and further prescribing the duty and authority of the board of trustees; declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made; declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Russell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

The Speaker then laid the bill before the House on its final passage.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—119.

Bagby.	Meador.
Baker.	Mendell.
Beard of Milam.	Miller of Austin.
Beason.	Miller of Dallas.
Bedell.	Moore.
Bell.	Morris.
Bertram.	Murrell.
Blackburn.	Neeley.
Blackmon.	Neill.
Blalock.	Nichols.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Boner.	O'Banion.
Brown.	O'Brien.
Bryan.	Osborne.
Bryant.	Parks.
Burton of Rusk.	Peddy.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peyton.
Butler.	Pillow.
Cadenhead.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Carlock.	Reeves.
Clark.	Richards.
Cope.	Robertson.
Cox.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Rogers.
Davis of Grimes.	Russell.
Davis	Sackett.
of Van Zandt.	Sallas.
Denton.	Sentell.
Dodd.	Schlesinger.
Dudley.	Schlosshan.
Dunnam.	Scholl.
Estes.	Seawright.
Fairchild.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fisher.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Scurry.
Florer.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fly.	Spencer of Wise.
Greenwood.	Spradley.
Haidusek.	Stewart.
Hardey.	Swope.
Harris.	Taylor.
Hawkins.	Templeton.
Hill.	Thomas.
Holland.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of El Paso.
Johnson.	Thomason
Laas.	of Nacogdoches.
Lacey.	Thompson
Laney.	of Hunt.
Lange.	Tilson.
Lanier.	Tinner.
Lee.	Traylor.
Lowe	Tschoepe.
of McMullen.	Wahrmund.
Low	Walker.
of Washington.	White.
McComb.	Williams
McCoy.	of McLennan.
McDowra.	Williford.
McFarland.	Wilson.
McMillin.	Woods.
Martin.	Woodul.

Absent.

Beard of Harris. Beasley.

Bledsoe.	Thompson
Cates.	of Red River.
Davis of Dallas.	Tillotson.
De Bogory.	Upchurch.
Jones.	Valentine.
Metcalf.	Veatch.
Raiden.	Williams
Sholars.	of Brazoria.
	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Hartman.	Strayhorn.
Lindemann.	Terrell.
Monday.	

Mr. Russell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 358 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 358, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish the Pampa Independent School District with certain boundaries, including the town of Pampa, Gray county, Texas, with all the powers and privileges of independent school districts, to manage and control the public schools of the same, to elect trustees therefor, to levy and collect taxes for the maintenance of said schools, to issue bonds, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—113.

Bagby.	Crudgington.
Baker.	Davis of Dallas.
Beard of Milam.	Davis of Grimes.
Beason.	Davis
Bedell.	of Van Zandt.
Bell.	Denton.
Bertram.	Dodd.
Blackburn.	Dudley.
Blackmon.	Dunnam.
Blalock.	Estes.
Bland.	Fitzpatrick.
Boner.	Florer.
Bryan.	Fly.
Bryant.	Greenwood.
Burton of Rusk.	Haidusek.
Burton of Tarrant.	Hardey.
Butler.	Harris.
Cadenhead.	Hawkins.
Canales.	Hill.
Carlock.	Holland.
Cates.	Hudspeth.
Cope.	Johnson.
Cox.	Laas.

Lacey.	Sentell.
Laney.	Schlesinger.
Lange.	Schlosshan.
Lanier.	Scholl.
Lee.	Seawright.
Lowe	Smith of Bastrop.
of McMullen.	Smith of Hopkins.
Low	Smith of Scurry.
of Washington.	Spencer of Nolan.
McComb.	Spencer of Wise.
McCoy.	Stewart.
McDowra.	Taylor.
McFarland.	Templeton.
McMillin.	Thomas.
Martin.	Thomason
Meador.	of El Paso.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomason
Moore.	of Nacogdoches.
Morris.	Thompson
Murrell.	of Hunt.
Neeley.	Thompson
Neill.	of Red River.
Nichols.	Tillotson.
Nordhaus.	Tilson.
O'Banion.	Tinner.
O'Brien.	Trayler.
Osborne.	Tschoepe.
Peddy.	Valentine.
Peyton.	Veatch.
Poage.	Walker.
Reeves.	White.
Richards.	Williams
Robertson.	of Brazoria.
Roemer.	Williams
Rogers.	of McLennan.
Russell.	Williford.
Sackett.	Wilson.
Sallas.	Woods.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Parks.
Beasley.	Pillow.
Bledsoe.	Pope.
Brown.	Raiden.
Clark.	Sholars.
De Bogory.	Spradley.
Fairchild.	Swope.
Fisher.	Upchurch.
Jones.	Wahrmund.
Mendell.	Woodul.
Metcalfe.	Yantis.
Miller of Austin.	

Absent—Excused.

Hartman.	Strayhorn.
Lindemann.	Terrell.
Monday.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 33 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating for Dallas county an

additional county court at law; providing a name therefor; prescribing the jurisdiction thereof; providing for the election and qualification of the judge thereof; fixing the judge's compensation; specifying the terms of said court; prescribing the fees to be collected by the judge thereof; prescribing the powers and duties of the judge thereof, etc."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 49 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 41, of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Coryell county, Texas, etc.,' as the same was amended by an act of the Thirtieth Legislature, known as House bill No. 339, and as the same was amended by Chapter 62 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature; providing that any citizen of Coryell county liable to road duty who shall pay to the county treasurer the sum of three dollars by the second Tuesday in February of each year shall be exempt from road duty for such year, and providing that any person liable to road duty who fails to pay such tax shall be required to pay the sum of one dollar for every day he fails to appear and work the road, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 63 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Corpus Christi, Texas, all right, title and interest of the State of Texas to certain land lying and being situated under the waters of Corpus Christi bay; and granting to said city of Corpus Christi the right, power and authority to construct, own and maintain certain sea walls, breakwaters and dams, and to fill in the space between the main land and said sea walls, breakwaters and dams with sand, dredge, spoil or other material; and granting to the city of Corpus Christi the right to take from Corpus Christi bay

such sand, dredge, spoil or other material as may be necessary or desirable for filling in said space; and authorizing said city of Corpus Christi to remove and abate any encroachments or structure existing on said property east of the line; fixing the limit, riparian rights and to bring suit or suits as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and granting to said city of Corpus Christi the right to fix a shipping district and to purchase, construct, own and maintain piers and wharves, and to grant franchises therefor into the waters of Corpus Christi bay beyond said sea walls, breakwaters and dam upon vote of the people of the said city; also fixing the rights of the riparian owners, and granting the right of eminent domain and reserving all mineral rights to the State, requiring two dollars per acre to be paid for said land, and the disposing of said funds; fixing the time to begin construction, and providing for ratification."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 65 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Eightieth Judicial District of Texas, to be composed of Nueces county, Texas; to fix the jurisdiction of said district court in said district and the terms of court in said district; to provide for a judge thereof, and for a district attorney; to limit the existence of said court; to fix the time of holding the terms of court in said district; to empower the judge of the Eightieth Judicial Court created by this act and the judge of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District in Nueces county to transfer causes from their respective dockets to the dockets of the other courts in said Nueces county; to provide for the transfer of causes pending on the docket of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District to the docket of the Eightieth Judicial District created by this act; to provide that the district clerk and sheriff elected in Nueces county, Texas, and their successor in office, be also the officers of the Eightieth Judicial District created by this act and the Twenty-eighth Judicial District as it now exists; and providing for the return of all process and for the validation of the same issued or to be

issued out of either the Twenty-eighth Judicial District Court in and for Nueces county, Texas, or for the Eightieth District Court created by this act; to provide for the appointment of a judge for the said Eightieth Judicial District; to provide for a district attorney for said Eightieth Judicial District, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 366 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 100 of Chapter 36, page 369, of Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 15, 1909, entitled 'An Act to validate the Wichita Falls Independent School District,' and for other purposes, by repealing the last clause of Section 10 of said act, which limits the powers and discretion of the board of equalization of said independent school district in the performance of its duties, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 412 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 412, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Jefferson Independent School District, in Marion county, Texas, providing for a board of trustees in said independent school district and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of this State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; to provide for the creation of a board of trustees for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, building and maintaining schoolhouses, maintaining public free schools, declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made, declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 414 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 414, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crockett Independent School District in Houston county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; divesting the city of Crockett of the control of its public free schools, and the title of all property now held and used for public school purposes; investing said district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws; creating the trustees of said independent school district a board of equalization thereof, and conferring upon them the power and so forth given by the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 425 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 425, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing additional duties for the county attorney of Wichita county, and fixing his compensation for same."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 393 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 393, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 42, of Article 30, Title 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to provide for the holding of four terms of district court in Taylor and Eastland counties, changing the time of holding court in Stephens, Callahan and Shackelford counties, and reducing the terms of court in Stephens county from four to three weeks each."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. De Bogory offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 393 as follows: By adding after the word "each" in the

sixth line of the caption of the typewritten bill the following: "validating the return and process, orders for juries, recognizances and bail bonds and all other writs, and declaring an emergency."

And by adding the following sections:

"Sec. 2. That all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances, bail bonds and appeal bonds, returnable to the district court of any of the counties of said judicial district, shall be considered and held returnable to said courts in accordance with the terms as prescribed by this act, and all process is hereby legalized, and all grand juries and petit juries selected and drawn under existing laws in any of the counties of said judicial district shall be considered and held lawfully selected and drawn for the next term of the district court of the respective counties held after this act takes effect, and all such process is hereby legalized and validated."

"Sec. 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed."

"Sec. 4. The necessity for a change of times of holding court in said judicial district and the crowded condition of the calendar, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and said rule is hereby suspended, and that this act shall take effect from and after the first day of July, 1917, and it is so enacted."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 393 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 432 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 432, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the limits of the Sweetwater Independent School District by adding thereto certain territory from adjoining districts, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 68 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the Governor of Texas to appoint an inspector of hides

and animals in Nueces county, Texas, and to place said county under the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, both inclusive, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and providing for fees for inspector appointed by Governor, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 474 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 474, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Wilson Independent School District, in Lynn county, Texas, and defining the boundaries thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 478 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 478, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 107, page 214, of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature of 1911, and regulating the time for holding the district court in the various counties composing the Fiftieth Judicial District of Texas, so as to give Dickens county one more week, and validating processes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 495 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 495, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Kirbyville Independent School District in Jasper county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 470 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 470, A bill to be entitled "An Act to enlarge the territory of the

Port Arthur Independent School District, so as hereafter to include a portion of Common School District No. 11 of Jefferson county, and providing that the territory so to be annexed to the Port Arthur Independent School District shall continue to pay its pro rata of taxes levied or to be levied for the payment of the interest and sinking fund of the bonds now outstanding of Common School District No. 11, and for the manner of their assessment and collection, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 479 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 479, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging and establishing the Liberty Independent School District, in Liberty county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Bland, the House, at 5:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

TWENTIETH DAY.

(Friday, February 2, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Bryant.
Baker.	Burton of Rusk.
Beard of Harris.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beard of Milam.	Butler.
Beasley.	Cadenhead.
Beason.	Canales.
Bedell.	Carlock.
Bell.	Cates.
Bertram.	Clark.
Blackburn.	Cope.
Blackmon.	Cox.
Blalock.	Crudgington.
Bland.	Davis of Dallas.
Bledsoe.	Davis of Grimes.
Boner.	Davis
Brown.	of Van Zandt.
Bryan.	De Bogory.